



## WHAT IS WRONG WITH SUMMER?

Summer conjures up a lot of good memories for most people. Baseball, lemonade, and longer days are all rites of summer. So, what could possibly be wrong with summer? WEEDS!!! While April showers may bring May flowers, they also bring dry dead weeds in June, July, and August. City ordinance restricts the height of weeds and grass to 6 inches. City ordinance also requires property owners to maintain the park strip and sidewalk. Even if your back fence adjoins a sidewalk/park strip, you are responsible to remove weeds or other vegetation that may grow in these areas. Failure to remove weeds and tall grasses can result in serious consequences. In late summer the weeds dry out quickly. The dry weeds provide perfect fuel for quick, moving fires that could threaten homes, businesses, and personal safety. Many wildfire fighters suggest clearing the weeds early in the season and spraying them with an herbicide that kills the weeds and prevents them from germinating. There are all-natural herbicides available that do not contain dangerous chemicals and are available at most garden centers.

Fields and vacant land covered with weeds also invite illegal dumping. It is against city ordinance to dump any junk, garbage, or refuse on another person's property. It is also against city ordinance to allow any one to dump junk, trash, and refuse on your property. If you see anyone dumping garbage illegally, get a description of the people, the vehicle and any other important information and report it to Police Dispatch at 743-7000 or to the City of Taylorsville's Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 963-5400. Illegal dumping along canals is also serious because the debris will build up at bridges and back the canal up. This can result in flooding. Even grass clippings can clog the canals.

If you have trees and bushes that need to be trimmed, remember to remove the cut limbs as soon as possible. The limbs can dry out quickly once cut and create a fire hazard. Piles of branches also provide good, safe hiding places for rodents. The City has a contract with Salt Lake County to provide dumpsters for Taylorsville citizens. This program makes it convenient for residents and property owners to clean up their yards at a nominal cost. Details on dumpsters can be obtained by calling 562-6435.